35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Thus, Applicants assert that there is no

obligation to show a structural nexus between the two slide systems. Notwithstanding this assertion,

however, Applicants further submit that a structural nexus is present between the two slide systems to

accomplish the claimed synchronicity. Applicants note that the arithmetic overlay of the movement of

the first compound slide systems and the movement of the second tool holder forms the structural

connection between the two slide systems. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the

Examiner reconsider the comments of the October 23, 2006 Advisory Action, enter the amendments

submitted in the October 3, 2006 Response and Amendment and allow the present application.

**CONCLUSION** 

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully

request that the Examiner call the undersigned attorney.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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